

Muncie Habitat for Humanity and Pendleton Youth Join Forces to Serve People in Need

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Commissioner Donahue with students from Pendleton Juvenile Correctional

Indianapolis, Indiana. (May 3, 2006) - Commissioner J. David Donahue and six students from the Pendleton Correctional Juvenile facility volunteered today to help stand wall panels, previously built at The Youth Facility, on a construction project in Muncie, Indiana.

The focus of this program is to teach residential home construction to the students. Through this local partnership, Habitat homes are completed more quickly and juvenile offenders have the opportunity to

work toward positive goals while learning worthwhile job and relationship skills.

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“It is wonderful to have Commissioner Donahue at the Habitat build site and to join the youths as they learn very important job skills,” said Barbara Hubbard, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Muncie. “His support of the students and participation shows his commitment to local communities and to people in need of affordable housing.”

In the fall of 2002, the Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility (PNJCF) Building Trades department, lead by Mr. Robert Cari, PNJCF Building Trades Instructor, established a partnership with Greater Muncie, Indiana Habitat for Humanity. The basis of the partnership is to construct wall panels for Habitat houses in the Building Trades Shop and then deliver the panels to the job site. Habitat volunteers then erect the panels. Students learn new skills and gain the experience of community involvement. The build includes using wall panels previously built in facility trade shop, then completing the final touches on-site.

The house will be presented to a disabled couple in Muncie this summer.

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